

**Rathdrum-Spokane Aquifer
Policy Advisory Committee
(Executive team)
Meeting Notes
March 15, 2005**

(Prepared by Jani Gilbert 4-1-05)

Attended:

Julia McHugh , Spokane Aquifer Joint Board
Jani Gilbert, WA. Dept. of Ecology
Mike Peterson, The Lands Council
Geoff Harvey, DEQ

PTLT representative: Guy Gregory, WA. Dept. of Ecology

Atlases

There are 70 per box.

Our group (aquifer study PAC) got 900 and we only had to pay for 600.

People are getting their supplies from a variety of places, not just our group.

Ecology is holding eight boxes that belong to the aquifer study PAC. (Two boxes went with Helen Harrington to IDWR in Boise.)

40 went to League of Women Voters.

Bob Haynes needs 100—will deliver in late April

KEA has 1-2 boxes but could use more. I will deliver in late April.

Lands Council should get 1-2 more boxes.

Can Annette help distribute to Department of Lands, USFS in CDA and to Kootenai County? (I will make a trip over there in late April).

To do: Please let Jani know if you need atlases and if you can wait till my “road trip” in late April. Otherwise, they are available here at my office. While I am gone, between April 4 and April 15, contact Allison Gray, 329-3448.

Public Outreach plan discussion

Guy reported to us the MAC’s outreach ideas:

First the MAC has agreed that public outreach is an integral part of the SVRP aquifer study, with two main elements: 1.) to raise the general level of understanding about water issues in the Spokane-Rathdrum area, and, 2.) to efficiently inform the public and interested stakeholders about project work progress and plans for upcoming actions.

Projects:

- Annual public meeting as a progress update, similar to January 2005. Two months notice to non-government organizations to allow them to present information in the display/poster area.
Scheduled in January or early February of the year. The winter time frame does not interfere or compromise field activities. It is after the holidays, thus both personnel and the public are generally available. At this time, the previous years' data has been largely synthesized and prepared for presentation, and plans for upcoming actions are fairly well developed.
- Newspaper inserts other publications as time allows.
- Video. (This idea needs fleshing out. Who is the audience, where would it run, who has video expertise, time, and/or money for this project. Perhaps better as a post-study wrap up of findings?)
- Informal Presentations on project progress to diverse groups at their request.
Brief presentations have been given or are currently scheduled for a wide variety of groups, ranging from local professional organizations of environmental scientists, through construction or contractor groups, to neighborhood councils. The hydrologic expertise of these groups varies widely, so presentations are somewhat general. Every effort is made to keep them up to date. This is a project Guy Gregory will try to manage as time allows.
- Keep up the Web pages and links. Publications, maps, data coverages, meeting schedules and minutes, and other public information will be available electronically at

<http://wa.water.usgs.gov/projects/svrp/>

<http://www.idwr.state.id.us/hydrologic/projects/svrp/>

Both of which are linked from:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/geographic/spokane/spokane_river_basin.htm

These web site addresses will be advertised and distributed on public information materials

- Periodic list-serve messages.
To do: List serve needs updating and I am hoping The Lands Council can begin managing it again. It needs to have addresses included from the sign-in sheet at the January 27 public meeting. Then it is up-to-date. After my vacation I will work on an update to the list serve.

- I have brochures! The USGS printed some for us and they are on glossy paper! If you need some, please let me know. I have perhaps 200.

Posters and Banner

We spent some money on the puzzle-piece banner. Please let me know about meetings/ events where we can display it. I'll try to get it up here at Ecology.

Need to think of if any of the other posters are "public-friendly"- enough to add to a moving display at malls, Silverwood, etc.

Next meeting

May 24, 3 p.m. (Location TBA) Please get agenda items to me and whether or not you will be attending. If I don't hear anything I will cancel and we will meet in June.